MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. There is no proposal to construct a road. There is an existing foot-path which is being used by the pedestrians.

Necessity for opening a First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai.

144. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar, Shertallai taluk, had not been invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate till the re-distribution of taluks;

(*b*) whether representations have not been made in the Popular Assembly and in the Legislative Council for re-establishing a First Class Magistrate's Court there as of old;

(*c*) whether they have taken any action thereon till now (8-4-1106);

(*d*) whether the District Magistrate, Kottayam, the Excise Commissioner, or the Commissioner of Police has recently made any recommendation to them for opening immediately a First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai;

(*e*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter till now; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken and the stage at which the matter is at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question was under consideration.

(*d*) The District Magistrate, Kottayam, recommended that the local Tahsildar might be invested with First Class Magisterial powers.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Tahsildar, Shertallai taluk, has been invested with First Class Magisterial powers and the necessary Notification has been published in the Gazette.

Appointment of Mr. Pichu Aiyangar as Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police.

145. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to Question No. 100, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th January 1930, *viz.*, "there were several matters in his office which the Commissioner himself had to attend to, but owing to more important and urgent work he could not attend to them in time." (page 274 of Vol. XVI of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what those matters were which were attended to by the Commissioner of Police himself and those attended to by his Personal Assistant; and

(*b*) why the appointment of the Personal Assistant said to be temporary is still (18-4-1106) continuing?

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